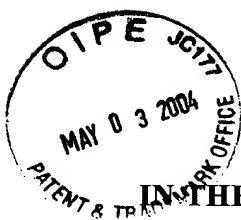


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Suehiro, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2882

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Examiner: Keaney, E.

For: LIGHT EMITTING DIODE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement in 37 C.F.R. §1.2, 37 C.F.R. §1.133, and MPEP §713.04, that Applicants provide a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicants hereby submit the following summary.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Keaney for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on April 28, 2004, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicants' representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicants' representative presented a summary of the present invention as described, for example, by claim 1 to include a feature that the reflector in the present invention is a metal plate preformed into a concave shape.

In contrast, the Suehiro reference teaches a reflector that is a deposited layer. It was pointed out that Suehiro was also intended as a vertical placement of two or more light sources in order to allow a closer approximation of a light source, so that the replacement of the deposited layer with a solid metal plate would defeat a key purpose of Suehiro.

The discussion then shifted to the definition of "metal plate". Applicants' representative argued that this term is a term of art and that the interpretation used in the Examiner's evaluation would have to be consistent with its understanding in the art.

The Examiner stated her position that this term could be understood in the art as also applying to a deposited layer, but that she would consider the Applicants' position in her evaluation of recently-submitted Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111.

Finally, the Examiner made a suggestion that the concept of the "metal plate" could be further clarified by claim wording to the effect that the substrate is preformed to accept the concave shape of the metal plate.

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